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SUBJECT: NASA EARTH RESOURCES SATELLITE (LANDSAT) INVESTI-
GATIONS PROGRAM.

1. ON FEBRUARY 15, 1975, NASA FORWARDED PROVISIONS FOR PARTICIPATION TO MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FOR CAR SIGNATURE IN ORDER TO FINALIZE ARRANGEMENTS FOR E. M'BEDO TO PARTICIPATE AS A PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR IN LANDSAT PROGRAM. HOWEVER, SIGNED DOCUMENT HAS NOT YET BEEN RETURNED TO NASA. PROVISIONS FORWARDED IN RESPONSE TO CAR INVESTIGATION PROPOSAL TO NASA.

2. TIME IS BECOMING IMPORTANT FACTOR. IN ESSENCE, NASA IS HOLDING OPEN A SEGMENT OF ITS SATELLITE DATA GATHERING CAPACITY PENDING C.A.R.'S DECISION TO USE IT. HOWEVER, SINCE FORWARDING OF PROVISIONS, ONE OF TWO ONBOARD TAPE RECORDERS HAS FAILED, SEVERELY LIMITING COVERAGE CAPABILITY IN AREAS OUTSIDE RANGE OF EXISTING GROUND RECEIVING STATIONS. C.A.R. IS SUCH AN AREA. MOREOVER, UNANTICIPATED HEAVY DEMANDS ON REMAINING TAPE RECORDER HAVE REDUCED

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EXPECTED LIFETIME. TO MAXIMIZE POSSIBILITY OF TEST

SITE COVERAGE, PROVISIONS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO NASA ASAP.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY CONVEY SUBSTANCE OF ABOVE TO C.A.R.,

AND ADVISE NASA WHETHER THERE IS POSITIVE INDICATION OF
INTENT TO SIGN AND WHEN RECEIPT MIGHT BE EXPECTED.

4. REQUEST VERBAL EXPLANATION OF FOLLOWING TO C.A.R.:
BECAUSE OF TAPE RECORDER CONSTRAINTS AND OTHER USER
DEMANDS, NASA CANNOT RESERVE SATELLITE TIME FOR C.A.R.
INDEFINITELY IN ABSENCE OF RECEIPT OF SIGNED PROVISIONS
REQUEST RESPONSE FROM CAR IN SIX WEEKS. IF SIGNED
PROVISIONS NOT RECEIVED WITHIN TWO MONTHS, NASA WILL BE
FORCED TO CONCLUDE C.A.R. NO LONGER INTERESTED IN
PURSUING INVESTIGATION AND WILL CONSIDER MATTER CLOSED. SISCO

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